

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

An application manager and application programming interface (API) for managing an install operation, a downsize 5 operation, a reinstall operation, and an uninstall operation are disclosed. A method of communicating between the application manager and an application to perform these operations comprises the following steps: receiving from the application a call to set a property related to performing an 10 application installation operation; receiving from the application a call to initialize an application installation operation; and receiving from the application a call to finalize the application installation operation.